

**element**['elɪmənt] *n*

## 1. 1) элемент, составная часть

the basic element of one's character - основная черта характера

the elements of feudalism - черты феодализма

the time element - факторвремени

the personal element - личные соображения

to reduce smth. to its element - свести что-л к первоначальным составляющим /к первоэлементам/

the event has in it something of the elements of tragedy - в этом событии есть оттенки трагедии

2) слой (*общества*); прослойка, группа (*людей*)

the criminal element - преступный элемент

## 2. небольшое количество, частица

an element of truth - доля истины

an element of uncertainty - отсутствие определённости; некоторая неопределённость

## 3. стихия

the four elements - четыре (основные) стихии (*земля, вода, воздух, огонь*)

water is the element of fishes - вода - (родная) стихия рыб

war of the elements - борьба стихий

to be in one's element - быть в своей стихии

to be out of one's element - чувствовать себя как рыба, вынутая из воды

he was in his element when talking politics - он чувствовал себя в своей стихии, рассуждая о политике

4. *pl*1) атмосферные условия, *преим.* плохая погода:

daunted by the elements - задержанный непогодой

to brave the elements - не испугаться плохой погоды; ≅ невзирая на погоду

2) природные условия (*данной местности*)5. *pl* основы; азы, начатки

the elements of science - основы науки

the elements of arithmetic - начатки арифметики

6. 1) *тех.* секция (*котла и т. п.*)2) элемент (*механизма*)

## 3) элемент движения

7. *хим., физ.* элемент

chemical element - химический элемент

tracer element - а) *физ.* изотопный индикатор; б) *хим.* следовой элемент

voltaic element - гальванический элемент

temperature element - термоэлемент

8. 1) *воен.* подразделение2) *мор.* секция3) *амер. ав.* звено самолётов9. *pl церк.* хлеб и вино (*при причастии*)10. *pl уст.* азбука, алфавит**element**

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**elem-ent** **AW** [element elements] **BrE** ['elɪmənt] <sup>ˈ</sup> **NAmE** ['elɪmənt] <sup>ˈ</sup> **noun****PART/AMOUNT**1. **countable** ~ (**in/of sth**) a necessary or typical part of sth

- Cost was **a key element** in our decision.
- The story has all the elements of a soap opera.
- Customer relations is an important element of the job.

2. **countable, usually singular** ~ of surprise, risk, truth, etc. a small amount of a quality or feeling

- We need to preserve the element of surprise.
- There appears to be an element of truth in his story.

**GROUP OF PEOPLE**3. **countable, usually plural** a group of people who form a part of a larger group or society

- **moderate /radical elements** within the party
- unruly elements in the school

**CHEMISTRY**4. **countable** a simple chemical substance that consists of atoms of only one type and cannot be split by chemical means into a simpler substance. Gold, ↑oxygen and ↑carbon are all **elements**.**compare** ↑compound**EARTH/AIR/FIRE/WATER**5. **countable** one of the four substances: earth, air, fire and water, which people used to believe everything else was made of

## WEATHER

### 6. the elements plural the weather, especially bad weather

- Are we going to brave the elements and go for a walk?
- to be exposed to the elements

## BASIC PRINCIPLES

### 7. elements plural the basic principles of a subject that you have to learn first

**Syn:** †basics

- He taught me the elements of map-reading.

## ENVIRONMENT

### 8. countable, usually singular a natural or suitable environment, especially for an animal

- Water is a fish's natural element.

## ELECTRICAL PART

### 9. countable the part of a piece of electrical equipment that gives out heat

- The kettle needs a new element.

**Idioms:** †in your element ▪ †out of your element

### Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting fundamental constituents of the world or celestial objects): via Old French from Latin **elementum** 'principle, rudiment', translating Greek **stoikheion** 'step, component part'.

### Thesaurus:

**element** noun

#### 1. C

- Cost was a key element in our decision.

**component** • **ingredient** • **aspect** • **strand** • **dimension** • **part** •

a/an element/component/ingredient in sth

an **important** element/component/ingredient/aspect/strand/dimension/part

a/an **necessary/essential** element/component/ingredient/aspect/dimension/part

#### 2. C, usually sing. (always followed by of)

- All such activities carry an element of risk.

**touch** • **trace** • **hint** •

a **slight** element/touch/trace/hint of sth

**detect** a/an element/touch/trace/hint of sth

**contain** elements/traces/a hint of sth

### Example Bank:

- He told us stories of how he had battled the elements on his mountaineering trips.
- I put on my thick coat ready to brave the elements.
- Police say there may have been a racial element to the attacks.
- Practical work will form a major element of the syllabus.
- The place was completely exposed to the elements.
- The promise of tax cuts became the dominant element in the campaign.
- There is a considerable element of danger in her job.
- There is too much of a competitive element in the sales department.
- There may have been an element of jealousy in her response.
- These ideas are not just the province of a fringe element in the party.
- These rumours do contain an element of truth.
- This constitutes one of the key elements in their reform package.
- an offbeat theatrical production that combines elements of fantasy and satire
- the constituent elements of the universe
- the disparate elements brought together in these paintings
- the narrative and decorative elements in Pop art
- All chemical substances, whether elements, compounds or mixtures, are made up of three types of particles.
- All outdoor activities carry an element of risk.
- Chemical reactions involve the atomic elements, such as when carbon in coal and oxygen in the air are combined in fire to produce carbon dioxide and warmth.
- Customer service is an important element of the job.
- There is often an element of luck involved in doing exams.

## element

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**el** **e** **ment** **S2** **W1** **AC** /'elɪmənt, 'elɪmɪnt/ **BrE** <sup>ɪ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ɪ</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Latin elementum]

### 1. PART one part or feature of a whole system, plan, piece of work etc, especially one that is basic or important

**element of**

- Honesty is a vital element of her success.

**element in**

the primary element in the country's economy

**important/key/essential/vital etc element**

▪ Besides ability, the other essential element in political success is luck.

▪ Business and management elements are built into the course.

2. **element of surprise/truth/risk/doubt etc** an amount, usually small, of a quality or feeling:

▪ There is an element of truth in your argument.

3. **CHEMISTRY** a simple chemical substance such as ↑carbon or oxygen that consists of atoms of only one kind ⇒ ↑compound<sup>1(1)</sup>

4. **PEOPLE** a group of people who form part of a larger group, especially when the rest of the group does not approve of them ⇒

**faction:**

▪ the hard-line communist elements in the party

5. **the elements** [plural] the weather, especially bad weather:

▪ sailors battling against the elements

6. **HEATING** the part of a piece of electrical equipment that produces heat

7. **the elements of something** the most simple things that you have to learn first about a subject:

▪ She doesn't even know the basic elements of politeness.

8. **EARTH/AIR/FIRE/WATER** one of the four substances (earth, air, fire, and water) from which people used to believe that everything was made

9. **be in your element** to be in a situation that you enjoy, because you are good at it:

▪ Graham was in his element, building a fire and cooking the steaks.

10. **be out of your element** to be in a situation that makes you uncomfortable or unhappy:

▪ She was out of her element in this dull little town.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

▪ **an important element** This one fact is the most important element of the theory.

▪ **a major element** (=very important) Private study is a major element of the students' timetable.

▪ **a key element** (=very important and necessary) Trust is a key element in any relationship.

▪ **a crucial/critical element** (=extremely important and necessary) The most crucial element of our economic system is the law of supply and demand.

▪ **a vital/essential element** (=necessary so that something can happen or exist) Her determination is a vital element of her success.

▪ **the main element** (=most important) The reform programme has three main elements.

## element

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